## **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

## INFORMATION BULLETIN August, 2024



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2024 - 2025

KICK OFF OUR GOAL TOWARDS OUR 102% IN MEMBERSHIP WHO WILL BE THE FIRST POST?



**FACT SHEET** 

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.

## THE VFW'S SUPPORT **PROGRAMS**

**Educate** separating service members about their well-earned VA benefits through private benefits counseling sessions with a VFW Accredited Service Officer.

**Advocate** for America's veterans and their families on Capitol Hill, ensuring promises made to veterans are promises kept.

Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

**Deliver** morale-boosting "welcome home" celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.



Number of VA-accredited VFW representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

events.

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits in fiscal year 2023. Amount of academic scholarships awarded to 357 veterans and service members.

Number of service members and their family members

hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP)

Number of times the VFW has testified to Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 61% of the funds covered basic housing needs in fiscal year 2023.



## JOIN THE VFW

**Connect With Us** 

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Updated December 2023



## MORE FACTS ABOUT THE VFW

## About the VFW

We trace our roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves. In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations that would eventually band together and become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

**Our Mission:** To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

**Our Vision:** Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.



## The VFW by the numbers

## 1.4 million+

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

5,667

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



## Helping struggling military families

## 488

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through *VFW Unmet Needs*.

\$356,512

Amount of grants provided through **VFW Unmet Needs** covering housing for struggling military families.

253

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs.



## Cutting red tape

## 130,000

Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2023.

## Nearly 14,400

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2023 resulting in more than \$82 million in disability compensation.

20 +

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



## Inspiring patriotism in young people

## 26,250+

Number of high school students who competed in the 2022–23 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

## 66,800+

Number of students who competed in the 2022–23 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.



## Improving life in America

## 5 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

## \$45 million

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.

## The VFW Relies on Donations

The VFW is a 501(c), and programs are made possible through membership dues and tax-deductible donations from goodhearted Americans.

Cost of VFW Program Services: \$61.5 Million

7% Membership dues

93% Charitable contributions, gifts and other revenue

Source: VFW 2023 Annual Report

Updated December 2023





## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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## POST OFFICER VACANCIES As of 8/9/2024

District	PostNo	Term	CommitteeName
1	6790	2024/25	Service Officer
2	6739	2024/25	Service Officer
4	720	2024/25	3 Year Trustee
5	2767	2024/25	Chaplain

NATIONAL BYLAWS 2024
ARTICLE II-POSTS Sec.216
Poat shall elect the Commander, Senior Vice, Junior,
Quartermaster, and Three Trustees.
Commander SHALL (not MAY) appoint Adjutant, Chaplain, and Service Officer.

## VFW PROGRAMS DEADLINE DATES

## Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award

\*October 31, Entries to the Post

November 15, Completion of Post judging

December 15, Completion of District judging

\*February 1, Department winners and reports due to National (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation)

## Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen

\*October 31, Student entries to the Post

November 15, Completion of Post judging

December 15, Completion of District judging

January 10, Completion of Department judging

January 15, District participation reports due to Department Chairmen

\*January 15, Department winners due to National

\*January 31, Department reports due to National

## Scout of the Year

- \*March 1, Scout entries to the Post
- \*April 1, Post entries to Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs
- \*May 1, Department entry to National from Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs

## **Community Service**

\*June 30, Community Service Reports Deadline

\*July 1, Fred C. Hall Memorial Award for community service. The national Programs office will determine the top community service Posts in each conference, based off their community service reporting and total impact, from July 1 to June 30 the previous year.

\*July 1, Outstanding Community Service Post of the year. Each Department will have an OCSP Winner based on total impact from July 1 to June 30 the previous year.

## Public Servant National Award (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services, Dispatcher and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Tech)

January 1, Nominations due (from Post to Department)

\*February 1, (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), Nominations due from Department to National

## National Certificate of Recognition

April 1 (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), List due to National from Department

\*Required deadline (by VFW National Headquarters.) All other deadlines are suggested and <u>can</u> be internally set at the discretion of the VFW Department leadership. Post Chairmen, be sure to communicate with your District Chairmen to find out their official deadlines, and District Chairmen need to communicate with their Department Chairmen to find out their deadlines.

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

# **GRADE 9-12**

Essay Deadline Oct 31, 2024

THEME:

"IS AMERICA TODAY OUR FOREFATHERS' VISION?"



\$35,000 Scholarship Recipient Sophia Lin (AZ)

2023-2024

https://vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships

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# PATRIOT'S PEN

Youth Scholarship

# THEME: MY VOICE IN AMERICA'S DEMOCRACY?"

GRADE 6-8
Essay Deadline Oct 31, 2024





HTTPS://VFW.ORG/COMMUNITY/YOUTH-AND-EDUCATION/YOUTH-SCHOLARSHIPS

**Bryant Day (OH)** 



Please send all email for Department Quartermaster to <a href="mailto:azvfw3@gmail.com">azvfw3@gmail.com</a>

Post Commanders,

State Convention
Delegate Fees are a
Mandatory Obligation
even if your Post does not send a
representative.

Arrearage will carry forward to ensuing year and may result in Post Suspension if not paid.

## TOGETHER TO SAVE LIVES

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is holding their annual community walk!

The Out of the Darkness Community Walk gathers many to support the AFSP mission, saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide.

## When and Where?

Saturday November 9th, 2024

7555 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85258

## What time should I be there?

It starts at 8:00am, but get there early!

You won't want to miss any booths including the VFW! If you are interested in helping run the VFW booth, contact Allison Helm, information below!

## What will we be doing?

Dress accordingly, you will be outside! Everyone gets together and walks a set path that is about a mile and a half long!

## Want to pre-register online?

This will make it easier to check in on the day of the walk! Use the link below to pre-register!

https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm? fuseaction=register.start&eventID=10329

## Questions?

Reach out to Allison Helm 623-810-6909

helm3253@gmail.com







## Want to donate to AFSP?

Scan the QR code above to support!



# Tony Vicich & Liz Frisius present

# TOP BRASS 2

Stand-up Comedy For Veterans, By Veterans



John Cowan - Dietrich Rashad - T Dot Kingsby - Kev the Allstar

7:00 pm, Friday Sep 13th

Tickets:



7220 E Wilshire Dr, Scottsdale, Arizona 85257 U.S.A



# Arizona VFW Department Holiday Schedule

Closed on the Following Days June 19 Juneteenth Jul 4 & 5 Independence Day Sep 2 Labor Day October 14 Columbus Day **Nov 11 - Veterans Day** Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving Dec 25-27 Christmas Dec 31 & Jan 1 New Years Jan 20 MLK Day

**Feb 17 Presidents Day** 

# **Arizona VFW Mandatory Obligations**

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Posts	66
Districts	10
Total	76
Inspected	10
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% Inspected	13.16%
% Complete	7.89%

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## CHAPLAIN REPORT ARREARS as of 11 AUG 2024

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POST	DIST	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	Мау
40	3	4											
285	3	4	4										
404	8	4	4										
541	2	4	4										
549	5	4	4										
720	4												
769	1	4	4										
836	7	4	4										
1433	3	4											
1677	10	4											
1704	6	4	4										
1709	2												
1760	4												
1763	1												
1796	4	4											
2066	7												
2135	3	4											
2190	9	4	4										
2357	1												
2364	6	4	4										
2555	9	4											
2767	5												
3513	4	4	4										
3516	9	4	4										
3584	10	4											
3632	4												
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3713	10												
4903	5	2	4										
5990	5	2											
6271	7		4										
6306	8												
6310	3	4											
6739	2	4	4										
6789	6												
6790	1												

POST	DIST	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
7061	1	4	4										
7400	2	4											
7401	10	4											
7507	4	4											
7968	10	4	4										
8242	1												
8807	6	2											
8987	6	4	4										
9399	10	4											
9400	4	4	4										
9401	8	4	4										
9632	2												
9833	9	4	4										
9907	6	4											
9972	7	4	4										
9977	7												
10005	5	4	4										
10015	5	4											
10227	2	4	4										
10254	5												
10385	7												
10386	9												
10726	8	4											
11014	8	4	4										
12031	4	2	4										
12043	8												
12098	3	4											
12128	2	4											
12210	4	4	4										
12222	5	4											

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3: On Time w/o Data

4:On Time w/Data



# Traditional Buddy Poppy Order Form

Cost for the Traditional Buddy Poppy has increased significantly.

Department of Arizona does not receive a commission

on the new prices from National.

# Needed	Cost	Shipping	Total
500	\$125.00	\$15.95	\$140.95
1000	\$250.00	\$29.95	\$279.95
1500	\$375.00	\$34.95	\$409.95
2000	\$500.00	\$39.95	\$539.95
2500	\$625.00	\$69.95	\$694.95
3000	\$750.00	\$69.95	\$819.95

For quantities higher than 3000, cost is \$125 per 500, plus \$69.95 (max) for shipping.

Post Number & City	
Date when Poppies a (Order at least 8 weeks pri	
Make checks payable to	"VFW Dept. of AZ"
Mail this order form to: VFW Dept. of AZ 6423 S. Ash Ave Tempe, AZ 85283	How many Poppies do you Need?
	Check # Amount:
Ship Poppies to (No P.	O. Boxes):
Membership # of Person Req	uesting Poppies (Required by National)
Name (Please Print)	
Shipping Address (Poppies o	annot be shipped to PO Boxes )
City State Zin	

## VFW PROGRAMS DEADLINE DATES

## Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award

\*October 31, Entries to the Post

November 15, Completion of Post judging

December 15, Completion of District judging

\*February 1, Department winners and reports due to National (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation)

## Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen

\*October 31, Student entries to the Post

November 15, Completion of Post judging

December 15, Completion of District judging

January 10, Completion of Department judging

January 15, District participation reports due to Department Chairmen

\*January 15, Department winners due to National

\*January 31, Department reports due to National

## Scout of the Year

- \*March 1, Scout entries to the Post
- \*April 1, Post entries to Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs
- \*May 1, Department entry to National from Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs

## **Community Service**

\*June 30, Community Service Reports Deadline

\*July 1, Fred C. Hall Memorial Award for community service. The national Programs office will determine the top community service Posts in each conference, based off their community service reporting and total impact, from July 1 to June 30 the previous year.

\*July 1, Outstanding Community Service Post of the year. Each Department will have an OCSP Winner based on total impact from July 1 to June 30 the previous year.

## Public Servant National Award (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services, Dispatcher and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Tech)

January 1, Nominations due (from Post to Department)

\*February 1, (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), Nominations due from Department to National

## National Certificate of Recognition

April 1 (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), List due to National from Department

\*Required deadline (by VFW National Headquarters.) All other deadlines are suggested and <u>can</u> be internally set at the discretion of the VFW Department leadership. Post Chairmen, be sure to communicate with your District Chairmen to find out their official deadlines, and District Chairmen need to communicate with their Department Chairmen to find out their deadlines.